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Australian Referee Defends His Award of Recent Decision to Sam McVey Over Sam Langford.

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44S NOWT' RAKER, the Australian referee who gave Sam McVey the much disputed decision over Sam Langford, writes in defense of his judgment:

"It's true that McVey used only a left hook for the head and a right uppercut," says he, "while Langford swung and hooked from every angle, and that McVey was on the defensive and Langford on the offensive nearly all through the contest. But I consider McVey's work much more scientific than Langford's. Langford's natural fight was a rushing fight, as his short stature made it impossible for him to be effective except at close range. What hitting he did was almost all in the lightning, and under Australian rules a blow delivered in lightning doesn't score a point."

McVey's science showed in his contrasting his blows, while Langford hit everywhere. McVey used his left hook scientifically upon one of Langford's eyes, closed it and then started on the other. He had that nearly closed. In a few rounds more Langford must have been unable to see, hence defenses. Langford hit ten blows to McVey's one, but McVey's were delivered more scientifically, and that earned the decision."

FRANK MORAN, who beat Paler several months ago and who has recently whipped a number of heavyweights in England, is coming back. He says he's the real "hope" and that he'll prove it by beating Paler again as soon as he comes ashore.

"The way Stewart and Morris fought the other night was the only thing that kept me from freezing to death," said a "night bug" who called on me to claim a little yesterday. "I kept jumping up and down as the punches landed, and they came so fast all through the ten rounds that when it was over I felt as if I'd been running a race."

ALL fighters are not low-browed (headlines in an evening paper).

Can't agree with that statement. I've seen one or two who might qualify.

JOE WOODMAN, manager of Sam Langford, writes from Australia to tell me that Joe Jeanette is interested in a match with Sam. Evidently Joe wrote the same thing to a few others, for I have an indignant protest by mail from Jeanette's manager, says he:

"I did receive an offer from Australia for three matches and agreed to accept, provided Mr. McIntosh would pay the amount of the guarantee and specify McVey and Langford as two of Jeanette's opponents. This he refused to do. As far as Los Angeles is concerned, he refused to go there being that Jim Caffey offered me terms for Jeanette to box Langford, which both Woodman and I accepted. Woodman deliberately repudiated the match and sneaked away to Australia, where he now writes from, hoping that I will come to know it would take six weeks for me to get Jeanette there. Woodman has been in Australia with Langford for four months. Under the Australian law his term of residence in Australia with his negro is limited to six months. If I took the first steamer for Australia, and made a quick trip, at the best I could only get there two weeks before Woodman and Langford were forced to leave the country. Jeanette would have to fight with less than two weeks training above after six weeks of hard travelling by train and steamer. And if I didn't hurry I'd find on arrival that Langford was already on the ocean leaving Australia. Fine business. It would be an easy way for him to duck the match again. Jeanette is open to box any man in the world. Johnson preferred for a side bet of \$5,000, in any country where contests and side stakes are within the law. Yours sincerely, DAN MCKETTRICK."

ANOTHER gentleman with the side stake bug is Mr. Ufer, the millionaire. He paid a former manager of Carl Morris \$25,000 for his contract with the Oklahoma giant. Mr. Ufer writes to Billy Newman, who is handling Morris in New York, as follows:

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 8.

My Dear Billy—I received your several letters and am glad to know Carl is coming along in good shape. I am more than convinced that O'Rourke wants the go at his club so that they can steal the decision for Paler. I see O'Rourke says he'll give Morris \$200 if he can stay ten rounds with Paler. If O'Rourke is sincere why does he refuse to fight in any club except his own? I think you might offer to bid O'Rourke \$20,000 or \$25,000 that Paler cannot stop Morris in ten rounds before any reputable club except his own, as we don't want to be stung. Draw on me if he accepts, for the above amount on Exchange National Bank at Tulsa, Okla. I think it is time to smoke O'Rourke out and let him know we are on his curves. By O'Rourke's account, in my case he has a chance to win

WHEN ARMOR IS USED IN ALL SPORTS

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CHICAGO FIGHTER HAS INVENTED A COMPLETE DEFENSIVE ARMOR TO BE USED BY PUPILS TAKING BOXING LESSONS AND BY BOXERS IN TRAINING.

M'GRAW THINKS 3.30 WOULD BE GOOD TIME TO START GAMES

Local Clubs Willing to Start Games at Any Hour That Suits Majority of Fans.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

In view of the big clamor that has begun for early ball games, Manager John McGraw and Secretary Joseph Cribben of the Giants and Secretaries Thomas Davis and Mike Rosen of the Highlanders say they are quite willing to start the fun during the coming summer at any hour that suits the majority of the fans. In fact, they are heartily in accord with the fans who have started movement to pull the trigger at 3 o'clock. The only element that prefers the 4 o'clock hour is the crowd from Wall street.

"I think a good compromise would be to start at 3:30," says McGraw. "We have that would suit all concerned. I have always thought 4 o'clock a little late, but it is simply an old custom that we have adhered to out of what was regarded as a favor to the theater folk."

McGraw adds: "I think a good compromise would be to put the game up to 3:30, after which date hobbles were to be barred. This was on the extra appliances for the sidewalkers has evidently scared the associations on the smaller tracks so that they got together and sent enough proxies to the National Association congress to procure what is practically an abolition of the former statute.

George C. Shaffer, the former Columbia University lawn tennis star and baseball player, won 3rd place in the semi-final round of the thirteenth annual national indoor championship, along with William B. Craig Jr., on the courts of the Seventh Regiment Armory.

Willy C. Grant, the former champion, also came through to couple with Ovedio M. Hostick, but he experienced what amounted to a walkover against J. H. Steinkampf of the Bed-Stuy Park Club.

The dishonorable discharge given to Melvin Sheppard, the great runner of the Irish-American Athletic Club, by the Twenty-second Regiment a few months ago was lifted when he was sworn in as a member of the Fourteenth Regiment.

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The National League was unable to finish its business yesterday and this afternoon will be spent inizing up the general account. Many important questions will arise, among them the question of drafting players from the new class AA teams. Secretary Heyder thinks the work will be finished before to-day's session is ended.

At the meeting yesterday several

HIGHLANDERS' GAMES.

At Home.

With Boston. April 14, 15, 16, 17, June 19, 20, 21, 22, Sept. 20 (2), 21.

With Washington. April 15, 16, 17, May 24, 25, 26, 27, July 4, Oct. 2, 3.

With Philadelphia. April 1, 2, 3, 4, June 24, 25, 26, 27, Sept. 1, 2, 3.

With New York. April 22, 23, 24, 25, May 29, 30, (30), Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7.

With St. Louis. May 7, 8, 9, 10, July 12, 13, 14, 15, Aug. 17, 18, 19, 20.

With Detroit. June 1, 2, 3, 4, Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7.

At Cleveland. June 5, 6, 7, 8, Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12.

At Chicago. June 15, 16, 17, 18, July 22, 23, 24, 25, Aug. 26, 27, 28.

With Detroit. May 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, July 9, 10, 11, Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

With Cleveland. May 16, 17, 18, 19, July 23, 24, 25, 26.

With Chicago. June 21, 22, 23, July 22, 23, 24, 25, Sept. 11, 12, 13.

With St. Louis. June 13, 14, 15, 16, July 27, 28, 29, 30, Sept. 10, 11, 12.

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